

## **PATENT**

## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. MBHB03-332-B (400/126))

IN THE AF	PLICATION OF:	)		
McS	Swiggen <i>et al</i> .	)		
Serial No.	10/652,791	)	Examiner:	To Be Assigned
Filed:	August 29, 2003	)	Group Art Unit:	To Be Assigned
Title	RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition of Platelet-Derived Endothelial Cell Growth Factor (ECGF1) Gene Expression Using Short Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA)	))))))	Confirmation No.:	To Be Assigned

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following preliminary amendment be entered in the above-mentioned application. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-1249.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.